
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406

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By Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Morton, Schoesler and Hatfield

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1 WHEREAS, The aerospace sector, as the state's largest manufacturing
2 and exporting industry, has made a significant contribution to local,
3 regional, state, and national economies; and
4 WHEREAS, Airports of regional significance in both eastern and
5 western Washington have underutilized property and facilities that
6 could become substantial tools for economic development; and
7 WHEREAS, An examination is needed to determine how untapped
8 capacity at airports of regional significance can be used to expand
9 manufacturing, research and development, education, and training for
10 the aerospace industry;
11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
12 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a study of
13 the potential for expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and
14 associated research and development, education, and training businesses
15 at airports of regional significance be conducted; and
16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study include a review of:
17 (1) The composition of the current aerospace manufacturing industry
18 in Washington state and significant trends that affect retention,
19 expansion, and recruitment of companies in that industry;

1 (2) Aerospace and nonaerospace businesses currently sited at
2 airports of regional significance;

3 (3) The inventory of untapped or underutilized capacity at airports
4 of regional significance;

5 (4) Types of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses that
6 could be sited at airports of regional significance;

7 (5) Financial and technical resources that are available and those
8 that would be needed; and

9 (6) Statutory and regulatory changes required to expand the
10 presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses at
11 airports of regional significance; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study be conducted by a joint task
13 force of the Senate and the House of Representatives consisting of the
14 following voting members:

15 (1) One member from each caucus of the Senate, appointed by the
16 President of the Senate;

17 (2) One member from each caucus of the House of Representatives,
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

19 (3) Three members representing the aerospace manufacturing and
20 services industry, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

22 (4) Two members representing airport owners and managers, one from
23 eastern Washington and one from western Washington, appointed jointly
24 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
25 Representatives;

26 (5) Two members representing airport business tenants, appointed
27 jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives;

29 (6) Two members representing four-year institutions of higher
30 education and work force training at community and technical colleges,
31 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
32 House of Representatives;

33 (7) Two members representing counties, one from eastern Washington
34 and one from western Washington, appointed jointly by the President of
35 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

36 (8) Two members from organized labor representing transportation
37 and aerospace workers, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
38 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

1 (9) Two members representing cities near a regional airport, one
2 from eastern Washington and one from western Washington, appointed
3 jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives; and

5 (10) One member representing the Federal Aviation Administration,
6 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall choose bipartisan
9 cochairs from among its legislative membership and request that the
10 departments of transportation and community, trade, and economic
11 development each appoint a representative, who shall be a nonvoting
12 member; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall consult with
14 individuals from the public and private sector, and may ask such
15 persons to establish an advisory committee, and may contract with
16 persons who have specific technical expertise, if such expertise is
17 necessary to carry out the mandates of the study; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support shall be provided by
19 Senate Committee Services and the House Office of Program Research, the
20 task force may use legislative or other public facilities, and the
21 expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the Senate and the
22 House of Representatives subject to approval by the Senate Facilities
23 and Operations Committee and the House Executive Rules Committee, or
24 their successor committees; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its
26 findings and recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2008.

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